

**APPROVED MINUTES
VILLAGE OF ANTIOCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL
June 15, 2011**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Hanson called the June 15, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 7:03 pm in the Municipal Building: 874 Main Street, Antioch, IL.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board of Trustees led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. ROLL call

Roll call indicated the following Trustees were present: Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak. Also present were Mayor Hanson, Attorney Long and Deputy Clerk Folbrick. Absent: Trustees Pierce and Sakas.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Crosby moved, seconded by Trustee Poulos to approve the May 11, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes as presented. Upon roll call, the vote was:
YES: 4: Poulos, Crosby, Dominiak and Jozwiak.

NO: 0.

ABSENT: 2: Pierce and Sakas.

THE MOTION CARRIED.

V. REGULAR BUSINESS

W&S Rate Presentation – Director McCarthy stated that the purpose of the presentation is to discuss water and sewer rates, show historical data, revenues, usage, and bring the board up-to-date on challenges faced today. There has been a 25% decrease in water and sewer revenues over the past 3 years. Factors contributing to the decline include foreclosures, water saving fixtures, lack of construction, and an increase in delinquency of payments. Director McCarthy reviewed revenues and expenses for the 2012 fiscal year showing a deficit. The major contributing factor for the deficit is debt service for payments on grants and loan proceeds, particularly the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) loan. Pledged revenues that were expected but not collected include sales tax revenue, an anticipated increase in customers each year, and development related fees. She reviewed the debt service payment schedule through the year 2030 for the IEPA loan. Director McCarthy presented a proposal made to the IEPA to pay interest or principle only through 2016 for payment on the loan, however the terms of the loan do not allow for that type of restructure. There is a possibility that if the board agreed to raise the water and sewer rates, the July payment to the IEPA loan could be deferred, but would have to be made up on the next payment. Director McCarthy presented proposed rate increases for the water and sewer services on both the east and west sides of town. The proposed rates would increase revenues by approximately \$800,000 per year. She would like to have minimal increases after this point.

Trustees discussed future rate increases, delinquent payments, meter audits, rental properties, equal rates for both east and west sides of town, watering restrictions, and comparisons to other communities. Director McCarthy presented a 2011 residential water and sewer rate survey that shows Antioch's rates lower than most of the neighboring communities. Trustees further discussed the potential for the need of higher increases in upcoming years if the proposed increase is not sufficient.

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Those present agreed to the rate adjustment, and to put information on the website to explain the history and reasons for the increase. An ordinance amendment will be placed on a future Village Board Agenda for consideration

Cell Phone Use Policy – Trustee Poulos said that he believes the problem of distracted driving is getting worse, and if the State of Illinois is not going to enact a policy, local government should step in to help reduce related accidents. Trustees discussed the dangers involved with talking on a cell phone while driving, or distracted driving, and the neighboring communities that have similar ordinances. Chief Somerville said that there is a deterrent effect, and distracted driving is a danger. Mayor Hanson believes that the State should be the first to take the step in banning cell phone use while driving. Trustee Crosby believes that it is important to public safety, however thinks that enforcement may be an issue. He suggested a gradual enforcement of the ordinance. Chief Somerville discussed the police department policy regarding warning tickets. This ordinance will be placed on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

Parking Restrictions - Director Nilsen reviewed surveys conducted by the Northwest Municipal Conference regarding off-street and overnight parking policies. He explained that Section 10-7 of the Village Code lists specific streets where restricted parking is in effect. Mayor Hanson believes looking at subdivisions separately from each other would be the best option for the community because of the different characteristics each subdivision has, such as curbs, width, etc. They discussed the process of parking restrictions in each subdivision, and ordinances and sign requirements needed for enforcement. Director Nilsen said that the residents and/or Homeowners Association would have to petition the board with their requests regarding parking issues. Mayor Hanson suggested that the Village meet with each Homeowners Association to see what their concerns may be. Trustee Crosby believes that a policy and procedure should be put in place to present to homeowners for their information.

Adjudication Ordinance Fine Amount – Chief Somerville discussed the recent adjustments made to the minor consumption of alcohol and social hosting ordinance, and asked to increase the fines for adjudication fines. He discussed the fine amounts in Kenosha County, and the increased offenses from Wisconsin residents coming into Antioch. Trustees discussed maximum fine allowances. Those present agreed to place this item on the next Village Board agenda for consideration.

Tag Day Policy – Trustee Crosby discussed the resolutions that were approved regarding the tag day solicitation events. He expressed concern with the intersections at Route 173 and Deep Lake Road and westbound Route 173 and Route 83. They discussed the elimination of intersections at State Routes 173, 83 and 59 and Deep Lake Road. Attorney Long suggested that staff contact the organizations already approved for this year to let them know of the upcoming changes. This item will be placed on a the next agenda for consideration.

Bandshell Rental Policy – Director Kudla presented the proposed policy regarding rental of the bandshell, and discussed recent requests for its rental. Staff will draft a policy for consideration at a July meeting for pricing, equipment, and use of staff. Trustee Crosby asked that public safety officials such as the chief of fire and chief of police are included when considering the policy.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Trustee Jozwiak recognized and thanked Diana Kuyper for her article on Treatment Plant Operator Jason Treat.

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Mayor Hanson thanked Shawn Roby, Park Board members, volunteers and staff for their work on the wine walk.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further discussion, the Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori K. Folbrick, RMC/CMC
Deputy Clerk